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WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION

Philip A. Potter

The sermon at the opening session of the 159th Annual Meeting of the Corporation was preached by the Reverend Philip A. Potter of the Division of World Mission and Evangelism of the World Council of Churches. Mr. Potter's text was Philippians 2:1-13 (vv. 12-13).

Asking the question, "What is the form and content of the salvation which Christ offers men in the secular world?" he asserted that the answer lies in Paul's experience of liberation in Christ and that this can be our experience if like Christ we will rely completely on God.

The following are the final paragraphs of Mr. Potter's sermon.

This then, brethren, is the salvation which had been revealed in Christ and which he offers. That is the salvation we proclaim. This is the business of the United Board. What are the consequences of this conception of ourselves and of our task?

First, Paul addresses his words not to pagans, those who have never heard the name of Christ, but to the young eager Christian community which has been entrusted with the mission to carry forward the Gospel of salvation. As we meet here to reflect upon and plan our general missionary policies, let us never forget that we can never be effective instruments of God's mission unless the work of salvation is going on in us, unless we are individually and corporately being liberated in Christ and for Christ. Now, as you are aware, we are talking a great deal of the missionary structure of the congregation. The searchlight has been put on our church structures which are so self-regarding and so concerned about extending their self-interest -- the whole story of missionary imperialism. But what is true of our congregational structures and institutions is also true of the structures of our mission boards. We shall have to apply the test which Paul proposed to the Philippians.

Moreover, the word structure is only a latinized version of a word which Paul uses in describing Christ - the form (morphe) or structure of God, the form (morphe) or structure of a servant. Here is the real nature of the saving community - the structure should be that of the servant, completely at the disposal of God and therefore of men. Do our boards and churches really pass the test?

Secondly, the salvation, the liberation which Christ offers and which we must keep on working out takes us out of our racial, social, national and denominational selfishness and exclusiveness. Paul calls on the whole Christian community to have "the same mind striving side by side for the faith of the Gospel." We must be "of the same mind, having the same love, becoming in full accord and of one mind." This is certainly one of the great new facts of our time - the ecumenical movement. We have been moving from cooperation to joint action for mission, though rather slowly. But unity in life and action depends on our willingness to be liberated, saved from our selfish structures. Pope John saw this clearly when he called that massive, monolithic, exclusive and excluding Roman church to aggiornamento, renewal, reformation of its form or structures. He realized with Paul that it is only when we are thus being liberated that we can share a common life in humble service of men. The ever increasing opening of the Roman Church to other churches and to the world is directly related to the renewal movement in that great church. This is the spirit in which we are discussing joint action for mission in this and other lands.

Thirdly, the attitude of those who are being saved, liberated and who are messengers of freedom must be one of self-giving and of concern for others. Paul prays that the Philippians may grow more and more in love with knowledge and discernment - love which is disciplined by this discernment and knowledge which enables us to put aside our prejudices and preconceived ideas and opens us to understand the situation of men. This is the way of dialogue, the seeing eyes and ears of love, whether with men of other faiths or with men of no faith. It is an openness to others which enables God to be at work in us, both to will and to do his good pleasure. This attitude is including, not excluding.

All that concerns men - their longing for liberation from racial and social discrimination and for a just life in a shared community - are our concern. Our love, our servant life, must be deployed in all the ways available for their salvation, their freedom. Development projects, the struggle against imperialist and interventionist wars, the solidarity with the poor and oppressed, the fight for racial and social equality - all these are signs of the salvation we are called ceaselessly to work out. The sole criterion is that in them all the Saviour becomes visble to men in word and deed.

Finally, the salvation, the liberation which Christ offers has a goal - we are saved, freed for the future - the commonwealth or common life together in the unveiled presence of God. (3:18). When we keep our hope steadily before us we are given the power to forget what is behind us, even the glorious past of our missionary tradition, and press on to our high calling in Christ. Our hope, our plans, their work for a true commonwealth must be turned towards their true source - God, whose structure or form is the servant Christ for us. That is our task - to help this turning towards God and his commonwealth.

Let us pray that both here and in all our work Christ may be formed in us so that we can go on working out this great salvation, this freedom which is ours and is for all men.

AFRICA

Mindolo Ten Years Old

Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation, near Kitwe, Zambia, recently celebrated its tenth birthday. It is one of the largest ecumenical centers in Africa and Asia. Besides its 100-acre campus, it has also a 10,000-acre training farm near Kalulashi. MEF buildings are valued at about $1,000,000.

An international, inter-denominational, Christian community, Mindolo has a well-balanced staff, inter-racially and internationally. There are no restrictions about race, creed, or nationality. Students come from all over Africa. Work camps, seminars, and courses are held in other parts of Zambia as well as in other African countries.

Mindolo's five chief programs are concerned with agriculture, community development, national development, Christian home-making and leadership for women and youth leadership training.

Inanda to Celebrate 100th Anniversary

On March 1, 1969 Inanda Seminary will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding. Many distinguished speakers are expected to attend. There will be a concert, historical pageant and lots of singing.

The most noticeable changes at Inanda are in the physical plant. Three good prefabricated houses have been built for staff families and a fourth is in process. Durban electricity has been installed making current available at any time. An earth dam and a pumping system have been built on the seminary's land providing adequate water supply for the first time in many years. The big project for this year will be the science building.

Another remarkable change is in the staff. For many years there were no men on the staff but there are now six men.

Inanda Seminary is unique in South Africa. It is the only private Protestant school for Africans in the republic. It is the only school still run by the UCBWM and it is the only African high school exclusively dedicated to the education of women.

The very first missionary to be sent out by the Women's Board of Missions, a parallel organization to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, was Mrs. Mary K. Edwards. She arrived in Durban in 1869 and on March 1 she opened the school, just in front of the house of the Rev. Daniel Lindley at Inanda. With Mrs. Edwards had come desks and equipment. Believe it or not, some of her desks are still in use.

Only five principals have served Inanda in its near century of existence. After Mrs. Edwards, Miss Fidelia Phelps was principal, followed by Miss Evelyn Clark, Miss Margaret Walbridge, and since 1937, Dr. Lavinia Scott.

And as for the girl graduates, there were thousands spread through the length and breadth of Africa; nurses, social workers, church leaders, the wives and mothers and grandmothers of the new vibrant Africa.

News from Church Hospital Association of Ghana

The sign in front of the house reads: Church Hospital Association of Ghana-Guy E. Alling - and behind this sign in the heart of the city of Accra lives the Alling family in a lovely two-story house. Guy has begun a new and very exciting job, executive secretary for the Church Hospital Association of Ghana.

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church Hospital in Worawora became a government hospital effective July 1, 1968. Lack

of doctors coming out from the States and an increasing financial crisis were the main reasons for turnover to the Ministry of Health. Dr. Richard Biek, UCBWM doctor, agreed to remain at Worawora until May 1969, in hopes that by then the government will be able to post their own doctor there. However, it was decided that the Allings would move, and Guy now faces a new challenge - and one which promises to keep him busy around the clock.

The Church Hospital Association is a voluntary association of church-related hospitals and clinics throughout Ghana. There are presently almost 30 member institutions including representatives from the Christian Council of Ghana and the National Catholic Secretariat. Institutions range in size from small clinics to 180-bed hospitals and include Baptists, Catholics, Evangelical Presbyterians, Methodists, and Presbyterians. It is hoped that the Anglicans, Salvation Army, and Seventh Day Adventists will soon join.

The CHAG council is made up of Ghanaian and missionary representatives from the member institutions with the missionaries coming from such places as Canada, Germany, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States and Switzerland. It gives Christians of different creeds and nationalities a wonderful opportunity to know each other and work together in the common interest of Christian medical work.

The objects of the association are to encourage and promote the highest standard of Christian medical care for the people of Ghana, to facilitate and co-ordinate the relationships with the Ministry of Health (who is responsible for all the medical work in the country), to assist member institutions in such areas as planning and coordinating training programs, recruitment of personnel, provision of supplies, and consultations in matters of management and accounting. As executive secretary, Guy will attempt to fulfill these objectives on behalf of and under the authority of the governing board of CHAG and at the request of the member institutions.

Excerpts from a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Alling, Jr., Accra, Ghana

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UNITED STATES

UCBWM Holds 159th Annual Meeting

Some 300 persons attended the 159th annual meeting of the UCBWM held November 10-14 at the Greensboro Congregational Church, in Greensboro, North Carolina.

The keynote speaker was the Rev. Philip Potter, associate general secretary and director of the Division of World Mission and Evangelism, of the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland.

Among the other speakers were Dr. Elmer L. Severinghaus, Brookfield Center, Connecticut, President of the UCBWM and the Rev. Dr. Alford Carleton, Executive Vice President. The meeting brought together overseas guests and missionaries home on furlough.

As the meeting concluded, the Rev. Emmett O. Floyd, pastor of the host church, commented that this was the smallest church in the smallest city in which the Board had ever met and this was the first time a national board of the denomination had met in the Southern Conference.

Lest We Forget

During the Annual Meeting a memorial service was held for those who had died since 1967 meeting. Those remembered in love and thanksgiving were:

In active service

Rev. Sydney K. Bunker, Ceylon

Retired and former missionaries

Mrs. John T. Tucker, Angola- Portugal
Rev. Richard Knerr, Brazil
Miss Edith L. Douglass, Bulgaria-Turkey
Mrs. Ralph I. Alexander)
Miss Leona L. Burr)
Mrs. Rowland M. Cross) China
Mrs. George M. Newell)
Mrs. William A. Reimert)
Rev. Edward H. Smith)

Miss Anne A. Steward, Greece-Turkey

Mrs. Ralph L. Krout)
Miss Clara G. Labaree) India
Rev. Lloyd L. Lorbeer)
Mrs. Winfield Q. Swart)

Miss Kate I. Hansen, Japan

Rev. Paul E. Nilson)
Mrs. William L. Nute,Jr.) Turkey
Miss C. Grace Towner)
Mrs. Edward C. Woodley)

Honorary Members

Rev. Ferdinand Q. Blanchard
Rev. Raymond Calkins
Rev. Edgar F. Hoffmeier
Rev. Douglas Horton
Mr. Lucius E. Thayer

Corporate Member

Mr. Arvin F. Cone

Before these were ours, O God,
they were yours;
In gratitude and praise
we can entrust them to you now,
because we believe you are trustworthy, through the witness of
Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

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Report from Treasury

At the Board of Directors Meeting, November 14, 1968 the Treasurer reported that in addition to the routine payment schedule for Basic Support receipts that the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering received through October 31, 1968 by UCBWM totaled $738,965. The gross receipts to the Treasurer of the Church before promotional expenses had been paid totaled $784,965 which is in excess of the total OGHS receipts for the year 1967. Second Mile gifts to the UCBWM budget support as of this date are $7,509 more than a year ago. Directed Gifts have increased $9,545, and as of the time of this report gifts from individuals were $7,399 more than for the same period in 1967. As of October 31 the budget disbursements exceed budget income by $2,242,722.

Gifts to the invested funds through October 31 from legacies and new Conditional Gift agreements total $263,050. Conditional Gift agreements which have matured during the course of the year thus releasing the remaining principal to the unrestricted funds of the Board, plus the bequests of unrestricted gifts, add $731,922 to the unrestricted funds as of October 31.

The Treasurer briefly reviewed a projection provided by the Stewardship Council concerning total Basic Support for the year 1968. This projection would indicate a decrease in 1968 total Basic Support below that of 1967 by $85,000 to $110,000.

Copies of Missionary Herald Needed

Dr. Fred Field Goodsell still needs copies of Volumes 1 to 14 inclusive and Volume 88 (1892) to the date on which the Missionary Herald ceased publication as a separate publication.

He was delight to receive some volumes from Dr. James English of Connecticut. Having these resources near at hand has helped Dr. Goodsell in his research and writing relative to the history of the American Board, 1810-1950.

Dr. Goodsell's address is: Room 708, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. 02108. Transportation costs are guarranteed.

NEW BOOK

The Wisdom of India

A 62-page book has just been published by the Pauper Press, Mt. Vernon, N.Y., The Wisdom of India, translated from the Tamil by the Rev. Emmons E. White of Claremont, California and illustrated by Maggie Jarvis. Price $1.25.

Indian Physician on U.S. Assignment A physician from India and his wife, a former college president, both of whom long associated with the work of the churches in India, have accepted special one-year assignments with the Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches in New York.

Dr. Ernest Somasekhar is serving with the staff of the Christian Medical Council of the DOM. His wife, the former Dr. Renuka Mukerji, has joined the Asia Department of the DOM.

Dr. Somasekhar is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and a Diplomate of Public Health, University of Liverpool. He was the chief medical officer of India's Southern Railways at the time of his recent retirement.

His work for DOM involves study of recommendations made in connection with recent medical surveys undertaken in various areas of India for the Christian Medical Council and suggestions for possible implementation of these recommendations.

His wife, Dr. Renuka Somasekhar, has a background of 23 years of college teaching experience, for nine years of which she was president of the Women's Christian College at Madras, a post she left three years ago at the time of her marriage.

An official delegate of the Church of South India to the recent Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Uppsala, she served for two years as honorary general secretary for the Church of South India, and for four year as chairman of the National Christian Council of India. She has been a member of the Department of Cooperation Between Men and Women of the World Council, and is presently a member of the Christian Literature Fund Committee of the Council

Study and research involving relations of churches in India and mission boards in the U.S. will be the general area of her work for the DOM.

ASIA

New President for Dansalan On October 26, 1968 the Rev. Lloyd Van Vactor was inaugurated as president of Dansalan Junior College at Marawi City, Philippines.

Dansalan, although founded as recently as 1950, can still be considered a pioneer in education for the youth of the Lanao provinces. A plan for a school of high quality had long been in the mind of Dr. Frank C. Laubach, pioneer Protestant worker and literacy proponent. In 1950 a junior college was opened and later a high school department was added. Presently the school offers a complete high school course and liberal arts and teacher education on the college level.

The Rev. Van Vactor began his work with Dansalan on July 1, 1968. Previously he worked at Cagayan de Oro City as Director of the Christian Center and chaplain-teacher of Pilgrim Institute.

New "Forms" in Old Capitol Kyoto, famous for its more than 700 temples, is the location of two recent developments that will bring the churches and the community closer together.

Across from the Kyoto Imperial Palace, where the Diocese of Kyoto of the Nihon Seikokai -- Japan Anglican Church -- has long held property, the Diocese has built a new six-story building, containing both facilities for the Diocese and the Palace-Side Hotel, which offers 64 rooms and complete hotel service. The building provides Diocesan office space, a council chamber, lobby and lodging rooms for clergy

In a newly developed suburban shopping center, a Catholic church has taken over the top floor of Kyoto's newest department store. Large red Chinese characters are emblazoned on the windows of the church. At the present time, furnishings consist of folding chairs and a portable altar, but Pastor Leo J. Steinbach anticipates installing permanent fixtures as soon as the parish becomes established.

Father Steinbach, a Maryknoll priest, opened a church on the top floor of Mitsukoshi Department Store on Tokyo's Ginza right after World War II. However, the church had to move when Mitsukoshi reclaimed the space for its expanding business.

Japan Bible Society Aims at Japan-Based Support

The Japan Bible Society, established 80 years ago and sustained over the years with the help of contributions from abroad, became financially independent in November, turning for support and cooperation to regional groups in Japan organized on an ecumenical basis, according to the Rev. Shunzo Miyauchi, general secretary.

Mr. Miyauchi recently reported that in the last year more than 80 regional Japan Bible Society groups have been organized, drawing upon pastors and laymen of many of the more than 100 Protestant denominations active in Japan. In some areas, Catholic priests are participating.

The forging of new links between JBS and the churches is largely the result of an intensive campaign of personal visitation by Mr. Miyauchi and other JBS staff members, which has taken them into all parts of Japan, to meet with a wide range of individuals and groups, including those in education and social work as well as direct evangelism, and YMCA and YWCA as well as churches -- all of whom draw on the services of JBS and share the purpose of broadening the knowledge and use of the Scriptures.

Future plans call for selecting particular areas each year for concentrated programs making use of readers' clubs, movies, lectures, and research groups.

Fifteenth Assembly of United Church of Christ in Japan

The United Church of Christ in Okinawa and the United Church of Christ in Japan (Kyodan) joined hands at the 15th General Assembly of the Kyodan of the UCCJ held October 21-24 at the Fujimicho Church, Tokyo. The UCC became the 16th district of the Japanese Church. To consummate this union, the Church in Okinawa held a special session of its Assembly at the same time as the Japan Kyodan. Contacts were made by telephone at the time of the voting.

The Church in Okinawa brings 48 churches with 1,700 members, 24 ministers and a church-related school into the union. Although the official language of Okinawa is now Japanese, the Okinawans are of a different ethnic group and have a language and a culture dating back 2,000 years.

The Kyodan General Assembly consists of 440 delegates, including ministers, laymen and lay women, elected by 15 districts. During the past two years the Kyodan has made significant gains in achieving self-hood and has taken definite steps toward maturity in areas of financial independence; a two-year study of the church structure has been completed and this was submitted to the General Assembly for reaction and approval.

The new structure drastically reduces the number of members on each committee. It handles evangelism, education, social concerns and ecumenical ministries as sub-committees of a Commission on the Mission of the Church. It anticipates that much work formerly done by committees will be delegated to staff members of the general secretariat.

20th Anniversary of the Council of Cooperation of Japan

Organized at a time when few people could pronounce "ecumenicity," much less defend it, the Council of Cooperation of Japan has often been cited as one of the pioneer efforts in cooperative mission work. It recent-

ly celebrated its Twentieth Anniversary in special observances coinciding with the General Assembly of the United Church of Christ in Japan.

Special guests of honor at the anniversary celebrations were Dr. and Mrs. Darley Downs, now of Waverly, Ohio, who left Japan in 1963, after more than 45 years of service in Japan. Dr. Downs was secretary of the Council of Cooperation from 1948 to 1963. Both he and Mrs. Downs were active in a wide range of social work, as well as educational and evangelistic activities involving both the Japanese and foreign communities.

The Rev. Alden Matthews, present English secretary of the CC, points out that the CC was originally set up to help the reconstruction of Japan after the war. Today that need no longer exists. CC partners in Canada, the United States and Japan are now seeking those "areas of mutual need" toward which the resources of all partners can be directed. He sees increasing use of "functional" channels, through which personnel, ideas and experience in particular specializations -- such as education, social work, mass communication, etc. -- can be exchanged.

Honors Among sixty-one foreigners decorated by the Japanese Government in connection with the Meiji Centennial celebration on October 23, in recognition of their contributions to Japanese culture, education and social welfare, were the following retired UCBWM missionaries:

Rev. Frank Cary, D.D. received the Fourth Order of the Sacred Treasure, 1919-60 (44 years) Japan and Philippines (1941-45). Dr. Cary was Japan Mission treasurer; teacher, Kobe College and Shoei Junior College and president of the latter for three years. Dr. Cary is now living in Claremont, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. Sipple - Carl received the Fourth Class Order and Edna (Martin) received the Fifth Class Order of the Sacred Treasure. Mr. Sipple taught English at North Japan College; Mrs. Sipple was head of the Department of Kindergarten Teacher Training at Miyagi College for Women. They served in Japan 1930-67, 1928-67 respectively, including 1942-47 detached service due to World War II. They are living in St.Louis, where Mr. Sipple is engaged in organizing mission records deposited in Eden Seminary Archives.

Dr. and Mrs. Darley Downs - in connectio with the 20th Anniversary of the Council of Cooperation of Japan, Darley received the Third Class Order and Lucille (Jarrard) the Fifth Class Order of the Sacre Treasure, 1919-64, 1922-64 respectively (45 and 42 years) Japan and Philippines. (See item on Council of Cooperation for their background and present address.)

Golden Anniversary of Church of Christ in China This year the Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Church of Christ in China. Owing to the turn over of Mainland China, it is felt that it is the council's duty to continue the work of the Church of Christ in China in Hong Kong and Macao. Though they are temporarily separated from members of the Body in Mainland China, they do not forget the original purpose of its found ing. For this Golden Anniversary celebration, they have printed and distributed a document entitled "Let Us Unite," giving historical facts about their church organization, in order to develop and promote the original spirit of the Church of Christ in China, thus seeking to fulfill the final aim of their church and to establish a United Church in Hong Kong.

Today, the Church of Christ in China is anxious to promote this church unity, and one of their policies is to seek a solution of this problem so that all may enter into a United Church. They have written to eight other denominations proposing that they send representatives for a Consultation on Church Union. If co-operation can be accomplished, invitations can be extended to more denominations.

The educational program has advanced in the past ten years. In 1958, the council had only five government subsidized primary schools in the New Territories. These schools have been rebuilt and new schools have been opened. By September 1969 the enrollment of 24,000 is expected, ten times more than ten years ago. At present the total enrollment of Church of Christ in China Schools is approximately 35,000 and in September 1969 these schools' enrollmen will increase to over 40,000.

Imaginative Honoring On the evening of October 2, 1968 members of the UCBWM staff made their way to Kennedy Airport, New York to join in a send-off to a happy group of retired India missionaries who were invited to participate in the celebration of a century of Christian work in Central India. The missionaries were the Rev. and Mrs. William T. Baur, Sister Minnie Gadt, Miss Hedwig Schaeffer, Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Seybold and Dr. and Mrs. Elmer W. Whitcomb.

The Rev. Dr. Herbert Van Meter, general secretary for interpretation and personnel, represented the Board.

The Central India Mission was organized in 1868 by a German missionary named Oscar Lohr, who represented the German Evangelical Mission Society in the U.S. The organization was historically related to the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Mr. Lohr eventually settled in Raipur on a 1,544-acre tract of land he purchased for $700. He dug a well, made a clearing, built a home and named the place Bisrampur, "Village of Rest." This became the heart of the Central India Mission. Then he began to preach and teach, and when he had a handful of converts he built a church big enough to seat a thousand.

At the airport the Indian hostess for the Air India lounge graciously welcomed the group and was astonished to be addressed in fluent Hindi by Dr. Seybold who had left India ten years ago. The trip was made possible by special funds raised in the churches that have sponsored these missionaries throughout their long years of service in India. What an imaginative way of honoring them!

Rural Life Program The visitors to the centennary celebrations in Central India were able to see the progress of the work of the Rural Life Program in Orissa.

Here the Rev. D. Douglas Schneider is developing agricultural extension work in the Kalahandi District and managing the Woman's Work Program. The staff in this program consists of two full time women workers, two drivers, two adult literacy promoters, two gardeners and eight village level extension men.

The Woman's Work Program holds three girls' camps where teen-aged girls come for two weeks training in home science, health and Bible study.

The agricultural extension program consists of five areas: tractor for custom work, mainly well deepening and land leveling; "food for work" projects utilizing U.S. grains sent out through Church World Service for payment for village labor; special projects such as poultry, bee-keeping and milk goats; dam building . The people work hard and considering that they are rice eaters, accept the milo in payment for their labor is a great encouragement. An added concern is adult literacy - literacy workers teach inquirers to read the Bible as well as agricultural bulletins. Eighty per cent of the people are illiterate.

Ahmednagar College Makes Name for Itself Ahmednagar College is one college every Christian in India can be proud of. It has a unique scheme of rural service integrated into the entire life of the college which has proven such an outstanding success it has won appreciation all over India and abroad. The Planning Commission and the Ministry of Education have given full recognition to the fine work being done in this college. Thus the former entrusted to Ahmednagar College the running of a three-week long orientation program for college lecturers and professors from all over India during the past summer.

It is impossible to describe the excellent work being done by this institution in other fields. It has to be seen. That is why the National Board of Christian Higher Education in India is sponsoring a visiting team of 15 principals and others to spend some days at Ahmednagar in order to draw inspiration from the pioneer work that the college has done. It will shortly open the first "University Diploma Course in Community Development and Service." The college is part of the Poona University. Dr. T. Barnabas is principal of the college.

100 Cattle for India

Sending cattle to India may seem to the layman about as necessary as sending horses to Arabia. But on November 17 Heifer Project, Inc. sent 100 of the finest Jerseys and Brown Swiss in America to India.

Seventy-five of the cattle -- 40 Jersey bulls, 25 Jersey heifers and 10 Brown Swiss bulls - are from farms in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. Funds to purchase them were contributed by the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, the Church of the Brethren Service Commission and by the New England Committee for Heifer Project, Boston.

The remaining 25 animals, all Jersey bulls, were selected from Illinois and Missouri farms by Mr. Fred Meinershagen, University of Missouri Extension Dairyman from Columbia, Missouri.

The United Church Board for World Ministries underwrote the cost of these 25 bulls and the expense of testing them and trucking them to New York. The transportation from New York to Bombay, which costs twice as much as the price of the animals, is being paid by the Government of India. Attending the cattle en route was the Rev. Richard A. Cheek, member of the UCBWM Board of Directors and Mr. Ernest Whitenack, a UCC layman.

The reason so many people and agencies are willing to invest $80,000 to send 100 cattle to India is this: Although India has more cows per capita than any other nation, they produce only one thirtieth as much milk as American cows. By crossing them with American Jerseys and Brown Swiss, the offspring will yield 400 per cent more milk than native stock.

EUROPE

White Father Leaves for Africa

The Rev. Walter Ziffer, director of L'Accueil Fraternel, an overseas UCBWM project at Le Chambon, France, recently forwarded a copy of a letter he had received from a young White Father before his departure for Africa.

During the past months the Center has regularly met with the Seminary of the White Fathers in order to further mutual understanding. That these meetings were of positive character is clear from the results expressed by this member of the Catholic missionary seminary.

"On the eve of our departure for Africa, I want to thank you for everything you have done during these two years we have known each other.

"The few things we have done together have given a ndw dynamism to the whole community at Vals. It (The White Fathers' Community) has come to feel a concern for the problem of unity in a concrete way. It has become conscious of the difficulties which people encounter in Africa in achieving ecumenicity. It has renewed its faith in genuine cooperation, expecting in a more explicit and sincere way to take a greater step towards the goal: communion in one faith, in one love.

"I wish very much that these productive encounters could become more frequent in the immediate future. But because of our imminent departure from Puy, this will be impossible.

"For my own part, I have come to a new appreciation for those who are different, who think differently, who pray more personally and perhaps more profoundly. I hope that out there where I will be in Africa it will be possible to establish a frank, sincere and constructive cooperation within the diverse Christian community. If one begins with love, the truth will follow. Life bursts forth from love; the Truth that new life will burst forth anew from that love. I hope to work hard to combat the scandal of the division in mission."

Dedication of Naples Hospital The Rev. B. Kenneth Anthony, associate general secretary for service for the UCBWM, represented the Board at the dedication, October 20, of the new Evangelical Hospital building in Ponticelli, a suburb of Naples, Italy.

The hospital is an outgrowth of the Italian Service Mission established by the Congregational Christian Service Committee immediately after World War II and of Casa Mia, located in a converted warehouse that was home for hundreds of destitute children from the bombed-out dock area of Naples.

Guiding spirit behind the new hospital, Casa Mia and Casa Materna, an orphanage in the suburb of Portici, has been Dr. Teofilo Santi, an Italian physician and Methodist layman.

Dr. Elmer L. Severinghaus, Brookfield, Conn., now president of the UCBWM, was also on the scene in the early post-war years, working with Dr. Santi as a medical representative with UNRRA. Miss Hulda Stettler, a missionary social worker of the Board, has worked with Dr. Santi at Casa Mia since 1953.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, and officials of the Praesidium of European Churches were honored guests at the dedication.

LATIN AMERICA

Medical Work in Honduras As many of you know, our work is done by mobile clinics in more or less isolated villages which have no doctor. In a typical clinic visit two nurses (or one nurse and I -- and John Jeffrey! -- my son) and our chauffeur-evangelist Don Enrique Roussel (or another pastor) leave on Tuesday morning for one of the villages. Upon arriving we unpack the medicines and set up the clinic, usually in our church. Sometime or other we also unpack our cots and sleeping bags, often in the church, too, and arrange for meals during our stay. We generally see patients through Thursday, pack everything up again, and return to San Pedro on Friday, unpack, and then get ready to start out again the next week.

The number of patients we see varies greatly; sometimes there are only about 50; sometimes there are more than 200. The most frequent diseases are parasite infestations, gastrointestinal infections, respiratory infections, skin infections, and varying degrees of malnutrition.

At present we serve seven villages, visiting them as regularly as possible. One of the seven, Pinalejo, a picturesque little mountain village is in a class apart because it is my official home. We are there for the first two weeks of every month in a lovely sprawling home set in a beautiful park-like yard full of tropical trees and flowers.

A most vital member of our family in Pinalejo is the Senorita Sonia Murillo, one of our nurses, a charming vivacious girl full of life and song, equally talented in making up stories and songs to console tired, grump little boys as in giving shots and explaining medicines to worried, illiterate mothers. Equally important to the functioning of our household is Oscar Kejia, a genuine jack-of-all-trades, combination yardboy, watchman, caretaker, general fixer-upper and putter-back-together, and John Jeffrey's final authority on everything. He has been wonderfully kind to John Jeffrey, having made him various cars, planes, trucks, swings, a dog house, etc., having given him miles and miles of bicycle rides, and having put up with John Jeffrey's "help" in countless jobs day after day. Last, but not least, is Dona Lita Sabillon, our faithful cook. Quiet, unassuming, and hard-working, she very patiently provides us with energy for our work with three good meals every day.

Just as we are blessed with excellent

helpers in our household, Sonia and I are further blessed with a cheerful, willing helper in the clinic. Maria Elena Sabillon frees Sonia of many of the time consuming non-nursing tasks, such as registering the patients, washing the linens (by hand) and cleaning. Our Pinalejo clinic, although rather rustic, bears more resemblance to a doctor's office than our usual chapel set-up. You can hardly say that we practice modern scientific medicine, but at least it is medicine.

While Sonia and I are in Pinalejo, the other groups of nurses visits a different village each week. During the last weeks of the month we have the two groups and can visit two villages each week. Dona Elisa de Cano, who has worked with the clinic for 10 years, serves as the "doctora," talking to the patients, trying to diagnoze their illnesses, and prescribing their medicines. The Senorita Carolina Brooks had been the second member of the other team until she left us last spring to work as supervisor in the government hospital in San Pedro Sula. Therefore, we have had to use our North American nurse, Miss Thelma Spaeth, to finish the team. We hope to obtain a helper soon, rather than a graduate nurse, to complete the other team so that Thelma can give full time to her proper role of preparing educational materials and lessons and teaching both classes and individuals how to prevent disease.

We are just starting our program of emphasis on the preventive aspect of medicine, but it is the only way we can really hope to significantly improve the health of our patients. We especially need your prayers for this part of our work -- that we may have the wisdom and patience to guide the people into a genuine understanding of what they must do to gain better health and the willingness to try to do it.

Excerpts from a letter from Dr. Joyce Baker, San Pedro Sula, Honduras

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NEAR EAST

Talas Retreat New life was evident in the empty Talas buildings for the weekend of October 27-28 when the Council for Spiritual Life of the Near East Mission sponsored a retreat attended by 23 adults and children. Dr. Hugh Harcourt of the American University of Beirut stimulated discussion in four lectures and the worship services led by Alan McCain contributed importantly also to an enriching event.

Friends will be glad to know that the clinic buildings will buzz again next spring when Dr. and Mrs. William Mathews and their family begin a term of service in Talas after language study in Gaziantep. Bill was a short-term teacher in the Talas School for Boys from 1952-55 and spent many hours helping the doctors in the Talas Clinic. Then he came home and completed a Master's Degree and an M.D. degree, did military service, practiced for a year in Florida, and now to the delight of his many friends is ready to continue medical service in Talas. The clinic will explore and test approaches to Family Planning service and other contributions to public health and preventive medicine among the rural population. In the next three years the plan is to seek government and private health groups in an effort to develop more local community support through making this a Turkish American project.

Teachers for Turkey A letter from Gaziantep, Turkey, suggests a delightful international flavor to the Thanksgiving dinner enjoyed by 2 Danish nurses, 2 Irish teachers, 6 Canadian telephone experts and 14 Americans.

The medical and educational institutions in Turkey would like to have international staffs. If missionary colleagues in other countries know of qualified teachers with a teaching certificate, who can teach in English, please inform the UCBWM Personnel Department immediately or have the prospective candidate write the Board.

C H R O N I C L E

(including some December items)

ARRIVALS FROM THE FIELD

RHODESIA

Miss Katherine A. Baublis, on December 11, on the completion of an extended short term as a teacher of Latin and English at the Chikore Secondary School.

DEPARTURES FOR THE FIELD

ANGOLA

Miss Alice Moreira of the Leprosarium in Cavango since 1962, on November 5, returning to Dondi from a six-month furlough in Lisbon. Miss Moreira will help in the medical program and will carry treasury responsibilities in Dondi. During her month in the States she had a brief orientation in the financial phase of her work.

GHANA

Mr. and Mrs. Lester K. Weiner, formerly of Rhodesia, on October 28 with their three children, returning from furlough and study to the Mawuli Secondary School in Ho.

INDIA

Nancy Lott Henry, R.N., in associated service, and Dr. Virendra Henry, formerly of the Evangelical Mission Hospital in Khariar, on November 20, returning with their two sons to the Evangelical Mission Hospital in Tilda, Raipur District.

Mr. (Ph.D.) and Mrs. Richard P. Riesz and their three children, on November 16, returning from furlough to The American College in Madurai City, where Dr. Riesz as professor of physics, heads the post-graduate department of physics and directs research.

DEPARTURE OF NEW APPOINTEES

CEYLON

The Rev. and Mrs. W. Alan Gilburg of Washington, D.C., and their two daughters, on October 4, for a regular term of five years, Mr. Gilburg as chaplain at Jaffna College, Vaddukoddai.

HONDURAS

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Steva of St. Marys, Ohio, and their three children, on December 11, for a period of language study at Cuernavaca, Mexico. Their appointment to Honduras is for a regular term of four years, Mr. Steva as an agriculturist.

Rev. and Mrs. C. Ronald Wilson of Manchester, Connecticut, and their four children, on December 27, for a period of language study at Cuernavaca, Mexico. Their appointment to Honduras is for a regular term of four years, Mr. Wilson to engage in communications work.

MICRONESIA

Mr. and Mrs. Alwin T. Stewart of Hampton, Iowa, and their youngest son Raymond, on October 10, for short term service, Mr. Stewart as principal of the Mizpah High School on Moen, Truk, Eastern Caroline Islands.

SOUTH AFRICA

The Rev. and Mrs. Noel G. Bishop of Guilford, Connecticut, on December 26, for a regular term of five years at Inanda Seminary, near Durban, Mr. Bishop as registrar, Mrs. Bishop as a teacher of English and history.

TURKEY

Dr. and Mrs. William B. Mathews, Jr., of Winter Park, Florida, and their two sons, on

October 20, for a regular term of five years, Dr. Mathews as director of the Talas Nute Clinic, following a period of orientation and language study in Gaziantep. For Dr. Mathews this is a return to Talas, where he taught at the Boys' School 1952-1955.

MARRIAGE

On September 7, 1968, Louise May Filger of San Pedro Sula, a missionary educator in Honduras since 1949, became Sra. Louise de Dominguez through her marriage to the Reverend Mauro Dominguez Gonzalez. As of the first of the year, when her official connection wit the Board will cease, they will make their home in Choloma.

DEATHS

Amy Metcalf Bowen, M.D. (Mrs. Albert)
North China 1915-1919, 4 years
Died: October 19, 1968, Boulder, Colorado, aged 84

Dr. Amy Metcalf Bowen, widow of Dr. Albert Bowen, and a resident of Boulder for 22 years, died at the Mesa Vista Nursing Home on October 19th. Born near Avon in Eagle County, Colorado, she was one of the first white children born in that county. She received her education at the Denver High School, Colorado College (B.A. 1908), and at the Woman's Medical College in Philadelphia (M.D. 1912). After a two-year internship at the Memorial Hospital in Worcester, Massachusetts, and a year as assistant superintendent, she was appointed to North China in 1915 as the first representative of the China Medical Board. Following language study, she served at the Williams-Porter Hospital in Tehchow. She wrote "Bacteriology for Nurses" in Chinese, which was published by the Presbyterian Press in Shanghai, and for her part in the 1917 flood relief work in Tientsin she was decorated by the Chinese government.

Dr. Amy Metcalf married Dr. Albert Bowen of Rochester, New York, in October of 1919 in Lambezellec, France, where he was stationed at the time with the U.S. Army Medical Corps. One daughter and two sons were born to them. The Bowens lived and worked in Germany, Hawaii, and in several states across the country. Dr. Albert Bowen died in Boulder in 1961.

In later years Dr. Amy also wrote "The Descendants of John Conard of Loudoun County, Virginia." John Conard was her great-great-grandfather. She was active in the Women' Union of the Congregational Church in Boulder and was a founder of the Woman's Allianc of the Unitarian Church, which was named for her.

Henry Veazie Markham, M.D.
Angola 1927-1938, 11 years
Died: October 29, 1968, Lancaster, California, aged 73

A resident of Beatty, Nevada, in the Amargosa desert near the California border, and owner of a ranch there, Dr. Markham had a heart attack on October 26th and died at the hospital in Lancaster on October 29th en route to Torrance, California, his former residence, where he was well known in medical circles.

Born in Berlin, Massachusetts, Veazie Markham attended Washburn College, Topeka (B.A. 1920), Union Theological Seminary, New York City (1920-21), and was graduated from Washington University Medical School in St. Louis in 1926. In 1924 he married Vivian Horsfield of Topeka, a nurse in training at the Nursing School of Washington University, and each continued in professional studies until 1926. After an internship at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit and language study in Portugal, Dr. and Mrs. Markham joined the Angola Mission. They served at the Sara Hurd Scott Memorial Hospital in Dondi for two terms, Dr. Markham as medical officer in charge. Twice the Mission requested their return, but Dr. Markham continued in private practice in the States, carrying on his Christian mission through his profession, the church, and

the community wherever located. Their son Robin and his wife served in Angola, too, as educational missionaries, and have been in Rhodesia since 1964. His brother, the late Dr. R. Finney Markham, was a missionary educator in Turkey for eighteen years.

In addition to his vocation, Dr. Markham proved very adapt at two avocations. He took up flying, and at time of death he was still an active pilot able to fly his plane anywhere. As a rancher in Beatty, he was successful in making the soil yield and "the desert bloom." He served on the Board of the Community Church and took particular interest in the construction of the new sanctuary, and especially in its church school facilities.

Services of remembrance were held on November 2nd, at the Community Presbyterian Church in North Long Beach were Dr. Markham had been an elder, conducted by his son-in-law and assisted by an Angola fellow missionary, the Rev. Duane V. Waln; on November 3rd, at the Chikore station in Rhodesia where the Robin Markhams are located, and on November 10th, at the Beatty Church, where stained glass windows in the new sanctuary will be part of the tribute to Dr. Markham's contribution to that community.

Mrs. June Kershaw Daniel of Oakland, California, who in 1959 was appointed for public health work in the Ahmednagar area of the Marathi Mission, Western India, died in Oakland on November 2, 1968 at the age of 50. After a brief period of orientation and language study in India, April 1960 - September 1961, Mrs. Daniel returned to the States.

Her illness began in 1964, but the four full years were actively spent working in a bookshop she owned, doing part-time remedial teaching in a county one-room school, and inspiring every one with her "radiant spirit, ready wit, joy in living, and being about her Father's business." Her immediate survivors are a daughter, Kathleen Park (Mrs. Joseph R.), and three grandchildren.

e Rev. Edward Huntington Smith
Foochow, China 1901-1942, Post-Retirement 1947-1950, 44 years
Died: November 8, 1968, Wellesley, Massachusetts, aged 95

Edward Smith of the Walker Missionary Homes in Auburndale, Massachusetts, a missionary of the UCBWM for over four decades in the Foochow Mission, died at the Wellesley Manor Nursing Home, Wellesley, on November 8th. It was to bring hope and further help to his former parish, students and orphans that Mr. Smith returned to China for three more years after World War II.

Born in Franklin, Connecticut, he attended Norwich Academy, Amherst College (B.A. 1898, and at 70th reunion summer 1968), and Hartford Theological Seminary (B.D. 1901). His ordination in June 1901, his marriage in October to Grace W. Thomas, daughter of a Methodist minister in Norwich, and their departure for China followed in quick succession.

Mr. Smith's service was centered in the Ingtai district of Foochow, an area as large as Connecticut. Here, the "Ingtai superintendent" pioneered in a notable touring ministry. He traveled from village to village, recruited pupils, organized churches and schools, sought preachers and teachers for them, as well as the financial means to support the basic needs for food and clothing for the growing number of students and orphans in these institutions. Some of these graduates later attended colleges of their own choosing in Peking, Nanking, Shanghai, and in the States. In this program of unique Christian education he was ably assisted by Grace Smith, a kindergartner by profession, whose love for children continued to express itself in the care and "mothering" of hundreds of orphans. She died in Foochow in 1939. Their only son also died

there at the age of six. ¶ The retirement years in Auburndale were just as active on behalf of his China family. He maintained close touch through letters; he raised and supplied funds for those who fled from the Ingtai-Foochow area to start new homes and livelihoods in Formosa, Hong Kong, and in other cities of the Orient. He cleared all visa hurdles and brought seven of "his" boys to the States for further study. Today, hundreds of these boys and their children are in useful occupations as teachers, preachers and as Christian laymen in the various professions and as government officials.

Mr. Smith was a man of great compassion and courage. He befriended and aided the people in hard and dangerous times and during a long civil war when seven different armies occupied the territory. And he was "The Man They All Loved," the title of a biography by the late Giong Heng Lang.

Of their three daughters, Miss Helen Smith of New York City was a missionary educator for twenty-two years in the same Mission in China, and more recently, executive secretary of the Council for Lay Life and Work of the UCC; Mrs. Merlin W. Bishop (Eunice) of Trumbull, Connecticut, was a kindergartner in Foochow for some years; now she and her husband serve as overseas directors of World Neighbors; Mrs. Charles E. Thrasher (Margaret) and her family live in Rochester, New York.

Two services of remembrance were held for Mr. Smith; one on November 9 at Barton House, his residence in Auburndale, with close associates and friends in attendance. The second service was held on Sunday, November 24th, at the First Congregational Church in Norwichtown, Connecticut, where Mr. Smith was ordained and married. Mr. Wu Han-min, one of Mr. Smith's "boys," was one of four participants in the service, representing the love and appriciation of hundreds of his countrymen. Behind and above Mr. Wu was a large pale blue silk scroll with gold Chinese characters down its center, reading "Rest in the Lord."

Lois Pendleton Todd, M.D. (Mrs. O. Julian)
North China, 1920-1927, 7 years
Died: November 11, 1968, Palo Alto, California, aged 74

Dr. Lois Pendleton Todd, who had been in failing health for some time, died on November 11th at a Palo Alto hospital, following a massive stroke.

Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, she received her education at the University of California (Los Angeles); her bachelor's degree in 1916, her M.D. in 1920. She was appointed to the North China Mission by the Board (WBMI) in 1920 and, following language study, served at the Williams-Porter Hospital in Tehchow until 1927. She resigned due to her impending marriage to O. Julian Todd, an engineer, who helped with Famine and Flood Relief projects in China. Their marriage in 1927 took place in Los Banos in the Philippines. Mr. Todd survives her.

Dr. Lois' sister, Dr. Adaline P. Satterthwaite, was also a medical missionary in North China under the Board (1947-1952) with her late husband, William Satterthwaite, who died in Peking in 1949.

Lois Todd had long been a friend of the Pilgrim Place community in Claremont, having known about twenty of its residents as colleagues in China. The interest of the Pendleton family in missions, missionaries and other Christian workers was further expressed recently through the gift of an Arts and Crafts Building by their brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Morris B. Pendleton, in memory of the parents of each.

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